

REMARKS

This paper is an amendment that is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an information disclosure statement.

An RCE fee is believed to be due in the amount of \$810.

No information disclosure statement fee is believed to be due.

Claims 18-37 were pending in the present application. Applicants have cancelled, without prejudice, claims 18-37.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to prosecute the cancelled subject matter, without prejudice, in a continuing or related application.

Applicants have added new claims 38-57. Claims 38-57 are now pending in the present application.

No additional claims fees are believed to be due since only twenty (20) claims are pending including two (2) independent claims.

Applicants do not necessarily agree or disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the documents made of record, either alone or in combination, or the Examiner's characterization of recited claim elements. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to argue the characterization of the documents of record, either alone or in combination, to argue what is allegedly well known, allegedly obvious or allegedly disclosed, or the characterization of the recited claim elements should that need arise in the future.

With respect to the present application, Applicants hereby rescind any disclaimer of claim scope made in the parent application or any predecessor or related application. The Examiner is advised that any previous disclaimer of claim scope, if any, and the alleged prior art that it was made to allegedly avoid, may need to be revisited. Nor should a disclaimer of claim scope, if any, in the present application be read back into any predecessor or related application.

In view of at least the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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Amendment dated March 5, 2008

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, to charge any fee deficiencies or to credit any overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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Respectfully submitted,

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